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Application No.: 09/884,706

Group No.: 3677

Filed: 06/19/2001

Examiner: Carlos Lugo

For: DOOR LATCHING SYSTEM

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STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for one month:

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. No additional fee for claims is required.

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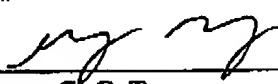
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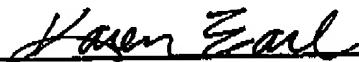
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by Karen Earl


AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 19, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 19, 2004, Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time, and amends the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

Amendment Dated September 20,
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 May 19, 2004

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